

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed November 21, 2002. The amendment appearing above is believed to be fully responsive to the Action. Accordingly, this important patent application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant received a Notice that certain drawings, specifically Fig. 22A and 22B, were omitted from the application. However, all drawings were properly filed. The specification, in the Brief Description of the Drawings, recited a description of Figs. 22A and 22B but such description should have been directed to Fig. 22 only, there being no Figs. 22A and 22B. Appropriate correction has been made.

Very respectfully,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Preliminary Amendment is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Technology Center 3700, (703) 872-9302 on February 10, 2003.

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